States/ UTs for financial assistance under the scheme. Due to limited availability of funds, it has not been possible to meet full requirement of any State/ UT.

Installation of electronic Weighbridge at Churaibari Checkpost, Tripura

2721. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Tripura has sent a proposal for installation of electronic weighbridge at Churaibari checkpost under the National Highways Development Scheme;

(b) whether Government have approved the proposal; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is no scheme for supply of Electronic Weighbridges. However, two numbers of Portable Weigh Bridges are being provided to Tripura Government during the current financial year.

Breach of Parts of NH-52 by Floods

2722. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of NH-52 breached or washed away by flood, year-wise since 1996 till date; and

(b) the details of the repair and improvement works undertaken and the details of the projects for prevention of such breach in the future, indicating year-wise amount sanctioned and released, target set and progress made ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI) : (a) The total length of NH-52 breached by flood since 1996 - 97 till date is given below:—

1996-97	240 m.
1997-98	50 m.
1998-99	676 m.
1999-2000	165 m.
2000-2001	721 m.

(b) In the breached or flood affected portion two works amounting to Rs. 160.04 lakhs are under progress. The year-wise works completed in such stretches are as follows:-

Year	No. of repair/ improvement works undertaken	Sanctioned amount (Rs. Lakh)
1996-97	4	86.17
1997-98	2	21.60
1998-99	2	77.18
1999-2000	4	153.18
2000-2001	4	39.71

The behaviour of the rivers in the region is unpredictable and incidence of breaches in future can not be predicted.

Mobile Hospitals on National Highways

2723. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMA CHANDRA REDDY : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued necessary orders for setting up of mobile hospitals on the National Highways in the country;

(b) if so, the number of such hospitals set up so far, State-wise;

(c) the details of financial assistance given by Government, State-wise; and

(d) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up more hospitals, if so, the State-wise details thereof and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) This Ministry has been providing financial assistance Rs.25.00 lakhs prior to 2000-2001 to State Governments for purchase of one crane of 16 tonnes and one ambulance under the National Highway Patrolling Scheme.